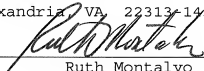


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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 08/10/2007. A Request for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted concurrently herewith.

Please amend the independent claims 66, 79 and 80 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth on the following pages.